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Dr. Paul Offit Lets Us Know 'the Experts' Have Officially Lost Their Minds

A recent tweet from Dr. Paul Offit about vaccines and placebos should prompt more questions from doctors and patients about the credibility of "experts."

By **Madhava Setty, M.D.**

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I don't have a big presence on Twitter. I don't find the platform suitable for exploring and critiquing interesting ideas. You can say only so much in 280 characters. It's great for inciting someone or dropping a witty comeback or link without much context.

At least that's what I thought. Then I stumbled upon a tweet from Dr. Paul Offit. He's taught me that you can convey a lot in a few short sentences.

Who is Dr. Paul Offit?

Offit is a big name in vaccines. Beyond what is listed below, he also sat on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is presently a member of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

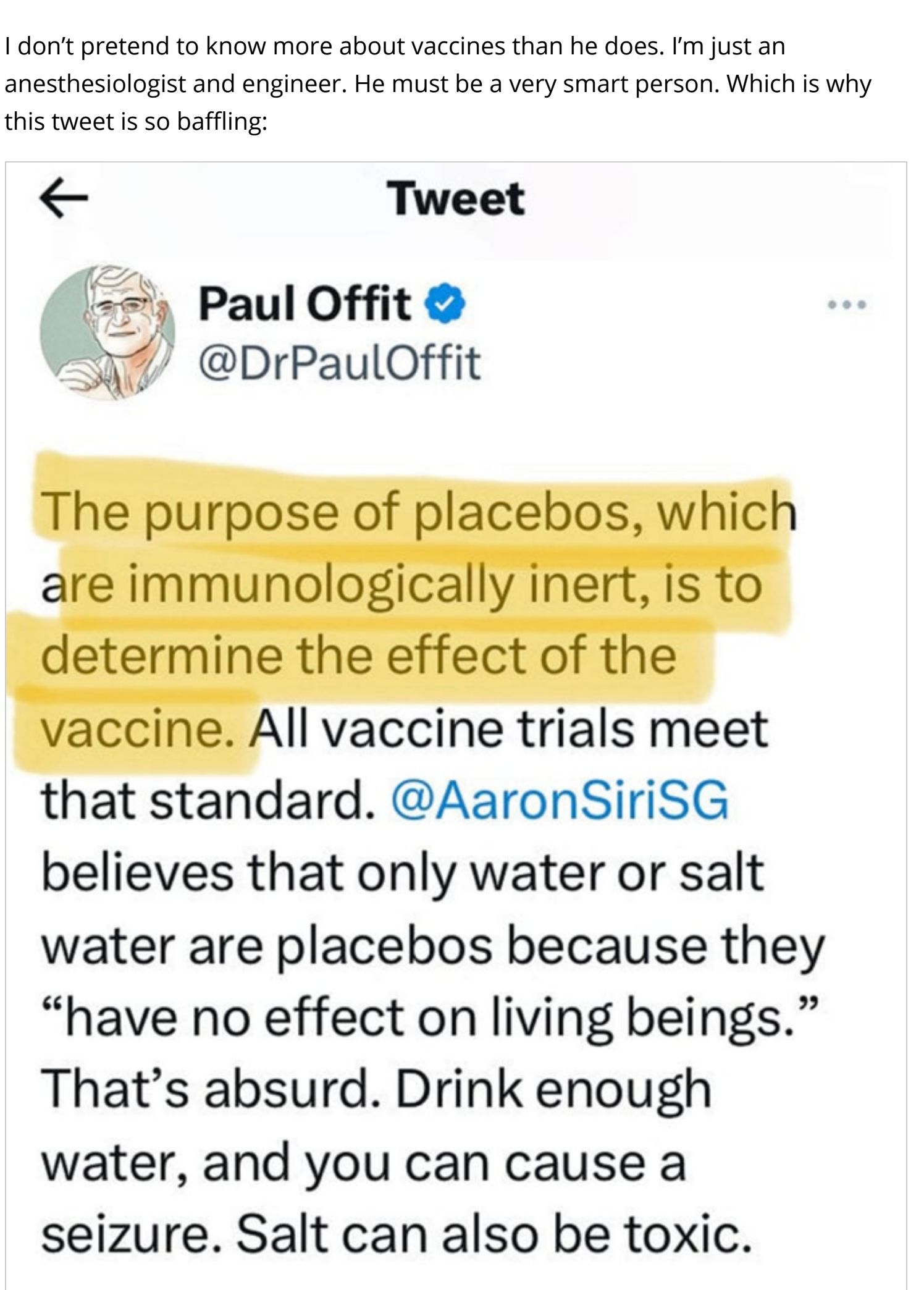
He's had a say in the approval and/or authorization of many biologics, including the COVID-19 mRNA products.

Briefly, Offit is:

- Director of the Vaccine Education Center and professor of pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
- Maurice R. Hilleman Professor of Vaccinology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.
- An internationally recognized expert in the fields of virology and immunology.
- A founding advisory board member of the Autism Science Foundation and the Foundation for Vaccine Research.
- A member of the Institute of Medicine and co-editor of the foremost vaccine text, "Vaccines."
- The author or co-author of more than 150 papers in medical and scientific journals in the areas of rotavirus-specific immune responses and vaccine safety.
- The co-inventor of the rotavirus vaccine, RotaTeq®, recommended for universal use in infants by the CDC.
- A recipient of the Charles Mérieux Award from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

His list of accomplishments goes on.

I don't pretend to know more about vaccines than he does. I'm just an anesthesiologist and engineer. He must be a very smart person. Which is why this tweet is so baffling:



← Tweet

Paul Offit
@DrPaulOffit

The purpose of placebos, which are immunologically inert, is to determine the effect of the vaccine. All vaccine trials meet that standard. @AaronSiriSG believes that only water or salt water are placebos because they "have no effect on living beings." That's absurd. Drink enough water, and you can cause a seizure. Salt can also be toxic.

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Why is Offit tweeting about placebos and saltwater right now?

It has to do with a truth bomb Robert F. Kennedy Jr. dropped at a town hall event last week.

According to Kennedy, chairman on leave from Children's Health Defense, he and attorney Aaron Siri sued the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) after HHS refused to meet their demand to produce at least one study comparing the safety of a vaccine on the childhood immunization schedule with a true placebo.

In a written response received more than a year later, the HHS did not cite a single such study, instead claiming:

> "Inert placebo controls are not required to understand the safety profile of a new vaccine, and are thus not required."

This stupefying claim made by Melinda Wharton, M.D., MPH, acting director of the National Vaccine Program Office, should be attacked on podcasts and publications everywhere.

How do you know that a new vaccine is safe if it isn't tested against an inert placebo, Dr. Wharton?

If you are someone who is willing to abandon basic logic and trust every single word spewed by our public health agencies, ask yourself, why then does the FDA demand that medicines be tested against a placebo to ensure safety prior to licensure?

Twitter lit up around this pivotal topic. The tweet from one of the foremost vaccine experts in the world (Offit) was in response to Siri, who, according to Offit, asserted that virtually all vaccines on the childhood vaccination schedule, including RotaTeq (Offit's brainchild), were not licensed by the FDA based on a placebo-controlled clinical trial.

Let's break down Offit's attack on Siri. Offit states: "The purpose of placebos, which are immunologically inert, is to determine the effect of the vaccine."

Yes, Dr. Offit, one purpose of a placebo is to determine the effect of the vaccine. In order to prove that it works, it must do better than an immunologically inert substance. In other words, it must exceed the so-called placebo effect.

But that's not the only purpose placebos serve. With regard to safety, a new vaccine has to be compared to something that has the least possible chance of causing deleterious effects.

To be clear, those who eschew a vaccine do not get in line for a shot of an "immunologically inert substance." They stay away from the vaccine clinic altogether and take their chances.

This is why the placebo must be a true placebo. The best we can possibly do is use saline, a saltwater solution that reasonably matches the sodium concentration in our plasma. It is what is used to dilute medications and replenish blood volume. It's what you use to store your contact lenses.

Offit then adds this:

> "[Aaron Siri] believes that only water or salt water are placebos because they 'have no effect on living beings.' That's absurd. Drink enough water, and you can cause a seizure. Salt can also be toxic."

Offit is saying that by drinking a large amount of water the plasma sodium concentration in a person can abruptly decrease which, in fact, can lower the seizure threshold. He's not wrong, it does happen in pathological conditions, especially in the critically ill.

Can salt be toxic? Yes. Ingestion of a large amount of salt will stimulate properly functioning kidneys to increase the absorption of free water, thus mitigating the effect of the salt load. This can cause volume overload and put a person at risk for heart failure and pulmonary edema.

So what — if not 0.2 ml of saline — should we use for a placebo, Dr. Offit? A tiny aliquot of adjuvants (that can include elements like aluminum)? Pro-inflammatory lipid nanoparticles? Viral or toxin deactivators like formaldehyde? Preservatives like thimerosal that contain mercury, one of the most potent neurotoxins known (yes, mercury in this form is still in some flu vaccines according to the CDC)?

All of these substances are "immunologically inert."

But why would you consider using them as a placebo control if not to mask the potential harm of the vaccine in question?

Is that how inventors of vaccines for our children view placebos? Is that how advisory committee members on the FDA view them? What about the other advisory board members of the Autism Science Foundation? Why would anyone trust any vaccine on the childhood immunization schedule after such comments?

You don't have to be Maurice R. Hilleman Chair of Vaccinology at the Perelman School of Medicine to see that your comments here are misleading, disingenuous and purposefully inciting.

Moreover, they don't make any sense.

What would other recipients of your long list of awards have to say about your comments on placebos? I don't think they would approve, sir.

Your public statements also sully the excellent reputation of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and those who were lucky to train there, like me.

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Melissa L
17 hours ago

Am I the only one shocked to see that Offit is both "founding advisory board member of the Autism Science Foundation and the Foundation for Vaccine Research?" That seems astounding to me and I've followed him for some time because of his notably obnoxious, inflammatory and condescending statements on the vax/autism debate. Also, is this not a glaring example of conflict of interest? How can you trust what anyone says if they own patents on CDC-recommended vaccines that likely earn them many millions of dollars? That the public does not generally question this blows my mind and makes me sad for today's children. We owe them better "science" and better parenting.

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RubyTwoThree → Melissa L
13 hours ago

When you have parents taking their kids to Pride events to watch old men wag their junk around while walking down the street I am not sure there is much hope to get them to listen that the vaxx causes Autism. We can try.

And yeah, that is outrageous that he is on both "Foundations". If you have time spend some time at Amazing Polly's site. She has thousands of hours of researching non-profits, foundations, NGO's etc. that are all tied together through government and families, and all roads lead back to Bill Gates.

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MBMC21
18 hours ago

Wow, I don't even know what to say in response to Dr. Offit, other than glad he's not my doctor!

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gorgegirl999 → MBMC21
17 hours ago

He actually is a medical dr, but if you go to his reviews, the ones I saw years ago when I did a little background of him for my own curiosities sake, he has horrible reviews (big surprise). There are a few stellar 5 star reviews that appear to be authored by him, via his language use

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Dr. Kenneth Stoller
17 hours ago

Talking to the CDC or FDA is no different than talking directly to Big Pharma or the DoD....facts do not matter to them only scientism that increases their profits and mission agendas.

Not sure how to break this to people who do not know, there has been a biosecurity state coup d'etat in the USA.

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Voyt Regnal
16 hours ago

His name should be Notfit (to be a scientist or doctor)..

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Faith
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So it almost sounds like Offit is saying that placebos of water or saline shouldn't be used because if enough is administered, they can be harmful. Well, yeah! But who in their right mind would ever give somebody perhaps six or eight liters of either one of them over a short period of time? The only reasonable explanation for his Tweet is that he himself took the COVID shots and now his brain function was seriously deteriorated!

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THOB → Faith
15 hours ago

I think that his brain function was coerced many years ago by the $$$$'s.

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Rob DF
17 hours ago

The only question I have is did the "experts" loose their minds or did they have minds to loose to begin with?

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Ravelan One → Rob DF
14 hours ago

"Lose." (/looz/)
And that's a good question!

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d-dectiri
17 hours ago

Suggestion for Mr Offitt.. who seems worried about the LD50 of WATER and SALT... [lethal dose for 50% of subjects]......
then to be safe we should use VITAMIN C which has NO LD50 at all....
YES
Definitely fair..because injections of C in kids [but IVs mostly in adults] have CURED many if not all those luridly CDC-threateningly diseases for vaxxes.. SO THEN WE COULD SEE both THE SAFETY TESTED [and failed] of the vaccines AND THE EFFECTIVENESS TESTED AGAINST A CURE for the disease... ZERO VAXXES PASS... Somebody pick Offitt up off the floor.. ttyl

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UnionMember
18 hours ago

Wow that was on fire. 🔥 Great points made!

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Gary Brown
17 hours ago edited

Aug 31, 2022 Dr. Michael Yeadon: The Most Important Single Message I've Ever Written

I hope this isn't too controversial. It's certainly frightening, but I believe we are still on the right side of disaster & if enough of us become aware of what is happening here & everywhere in the democratic world, we can recover the situation. We really don't have long. I believe it's likely things will change irretrievably over this coming winter. Hence this urgent and unusual request.

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Leslie Taylor → Gary Brown
15 hours ago

Dr. Michael Yeadon, 41 years in life sciences from training to successful biotech CEO and was worldwide research head and Vice President of Pfizer's respiratory unit (1995-2011), has risked as much, if not more than anyone trying desperately to save humanity. He states in this message from him that you've provided the link to, "I am certain because this all started with a scientific fraud relating to a virus, augmented it with a relentless campaign of fear, imposed measures known to be useless, which wrecked the economy and smashed civil society, then coerced most to accept useless, unnecessary, ineffective and deliberately dangerous injections. Obviously, this is an odious crime. Nothing like it has ever happened."

He ends the letter with "It's now up to you. I genuinely don't see what else I can do. Best wishes & sincere thanks," It' is us who should be wishing him the best and sincerely thanking him.

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Gary Brown → Leslie Taylor
14 hours ago

Thanks for your share Taylor, and here is another great read on this topic.

June 17, 2023 People Dying in Their Sleep Linked to Vaccines, Explains Dr. Peter McCullough, Cardiologist By Dr. Jennifer Margulis

At a conference for medical professionals in Sedona, Arizona this past weekend, several speakers—all physicians—commented on a disturbing trend: an increase in otherwise healthy people dying in their sleep.

https://www.globalresearch....

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Leslie Taylor → Gary Brown
14 minutes ago

Yes Gary, this is a good article. I think I'll share it on the Defender article "Walensky Warns Public to Beware of Misinformation and Politicized Science"

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seahawk
16 hours ago

Dr. Setty, thank you. As for Paul Offit (can't bring myself to call him a Dr.) he is obviously a numbskull. A disgrace to the proponents of true medicine.

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annemat
8 hours ago

Most of the "vaccine experts" are disciples, they spread the word to the masses. There is no true innovation, nothing has change in the vaccine world except developing more bizarre ingredients to inject into peoples bodies and convincing us it is an entirely normal and healthy thing to do. For me this spell has been broken.

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Karen
16 hours ago

Thank you, Dr. Setty for submitting this article! I knew as soon as I heard (regarding covid vax); 1. that there were deaths and other bad outcomes in the test subjects who had received placebos, and 2. that the placebos were NOT placebos but were other vaccines, that the studies done by pharma were worthless. Except that, in spite of no real placebos given, that people died and were injured by vaccines. All vaccines are dangerous.

Thank you, Defender!

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PWris
17 hours ago

Someone please post this link after Offitt's tweet!

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CreoleGumbo
6 hours ago

YES! You tell um Dr. Setty.

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Mohammad
8 hours ago

Thank you for this thorough response. Appreciate you breaking this down so clearly.

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Britt Lind
15 hours ago

Offit is so greedy and so well known for doing everything he can to make money from vaccines he has the nickname "for profit Offit."

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john scudamore
3 hours ago

Using true placebos would expose vaccination so that's why they don't use them as our government vaccine officer said

"They (vaccine safety trials) all only use benign placebos – we use the safest most pure vaccines as a placebo."---David Salisbury (source The Arnica Network)

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tracychess
5 hours ago

Let's be honest about the entire vaccine implementation. We have no idea what were the designed intentions and contents of the vaccine. We are hypothesizing entirely based on the trust of what we were told and are being told today.
What if every vaccine dose was, immunologically, a placebo, designed not to prevent COVID, not to generate spike proteins, but to test one or more mRNA delivery mechanisms on humans?
What if every adverse reaction is a result of the delivery technology, not the claimed spike proteins.
What if any positive effect that has been documented re COVID is simply an immune system reaction to the delivery mechanism?
We can't tell. We simply have no idea because it's a proprietary secret and much of the data surrounding the entire initiative is proprietary.
To your health, tracy

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LinUK
9 hours ago

They think we're all stupid.

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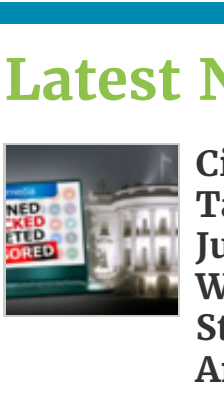

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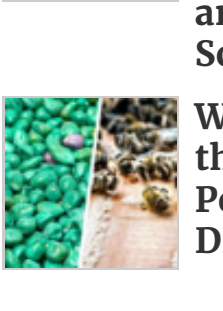

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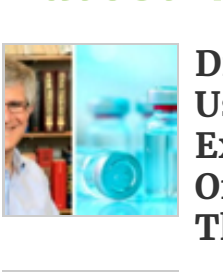

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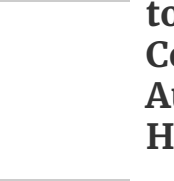

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